

beneficiaries. However, it may not be the only way to address the problem. The policy causing this problem is rooted in the haphazard way in which Medicare reimburses for outpatient pharmaceuticals. Perhaps a more sweeping change is needed rather than just an adjustment of the reimbursement for one drug. The Medicare outpatient drug benefit has been adjusted drug by drug over the years. However, this policy is causing distortions in the types of drugs prescribed, as evidenced by the vancomycin problem. I solicit ideas and suggestions from the medical and pharmaceutical community and others to help resolve this public health problem and to make Medicare drug payment policies more rational, cost effective, and less likely to lead to similar problems in the future.

IN HONOR OF RONALD A. DALL ON
THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 1996

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a fine American, Ronald A. Dall. Mr. Dall has recently retired from his position as Assistant to the Director of the Washington Regional Complaint Center of the Internal Revenue Service, ending 34 years of Federal Government service. Upon his retirement, Ron was awarded the Certificate of Merit from the Director of the Treasury Department's Office of Equal Opportunity Program; a Certificate of Appreciation from the Director of the Secret Service; the Albert Gallatin Award from the Secretary of the Treasury, and a congratulatory letter from the President of the United States.

From 1967 to 1970, Ron worked at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission as an equal employment officer, where he received a letter of commendation. He then began his employment at the Treasury Department, and from 1972 to 1975 he was Assistant Director for Equal Employment. For his outstanding work in this position, Ron was presented with the Meritorious Service Award. During Ron's tenure, 1975–78, as Director of the Discrimination Complaints Division for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, he was selected to receive the Exceptional Performance Award, the highest honor given to career civil servants.

Ron received his bachelor of arts from Bowling Green State University; his law degree from Oklahoma City University and his masters' degree from Antioch University. Ron and his wife, Barbara, have two daughters, Maureen and Meghan. For several years my family has had the pleasure of living in the same neighborhood as the Dalls.

In my opinion, being someone's neighbor gives you an extremely accurate picture of that person's character. When you live close by a person, you see them interacting with their children, washing their car, mowing their lawn and helping others. It has been my pleasure to know Ron Dall and his family, and it is my honor to join in congratulating him upon his retirement. I wish he and Barbara many happy and healthy years together, and on behalf of the American people, I thank him

for his 34 years of exemplary service to our Government.

TRIBUTE TO DONNA BOJARSKY

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 1996

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Donna Bojarsky, a dear friend who is intimately involved in Democratic Party politics and pro-Israel causes. I place great value in her opinion. Through the years, I have come to appreciate more and more her wise counsel and friendship. This year, she is the deserving recipient of the 1996 Richard S. Volpert Award from the Jewish Community Relations Committee.

Donna's first foray into politics occurred at age of 8, when she distributed Bobby Kennedy buttons in front of a Beverly Hills delicatessen. After graduating from Brandeis University with a degree in political science, Donna began a string of campaign and staff jobs. She worked for Assemblyman Richard Katz and Mayor Tom Bradley, and on the Presidential campaign teams of Gary Hart (1984) and Michael Dukakis (1988). In 1992–93, she was the national entertainment coordinator for the Clinton campaign in Little Rock, AR.

Head of her own firm, DB & Associates, Donna has provided fundraising assistance and political consulting to a range of clients, including Senator DANIEL P. MOYNIHAN and the Charles R. Bronfman Foundation. She also advises the actor Richard Dreyfuss on his political and charitable activities.

Donna has always been a person of boundless energy. In addition to her political activities and professional duties, she is founder and cochair of LA Works, a nonprofit, public action and volunteer center in Los Angeles and serves on the national board of City Cares of America. Donna is also a founder and cochair of the New Leaders Project, a unique civic training program for young Jewish leader, and is a member of the executive committee of the National Jewish Democratic Council.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in saluting Donna Bojarsky, whose dedication to the causes in which she deeply believes is an inspiration to us all. My wife, Janis, and I are proud to call her our friend.

DUTY SUSPENSION FOR TWO
CHEMICALS

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 1996

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, since my arrival in Congress, I have filed duty suspensions for a number of companies in my district and I am pleased to file one today at the request of EMS-American Grilon of Sumter, SC. This bill would grant a 2-year duty suspension for two chemicals, caprolactam blocked methylene, also known as Grilbond IL-6, and beta hydroxyalkylamide, also known as Primid XL-552. Grilbond IL-6 is used in aqueous adhe-

sive systems for pretreatment of reinforcing polyester yarns or fabrics. Primid XL-552 is utilized to cure carboxyl functional polyester and acrylic resins. It has been employed in the architectural, general metal-industrial and automotive market sectors.

EMS-American Grilon imports Grilbond IL-6 and Primid XL-552 from Switzerland and passage of the bill will save the company approximately \$100,000 in annual duties. EMS employs almost 100 workers in my district and passage of this bill will protect those jobs by saving the company a significant cost and thereby ensuring the company's continued success.

EMS-American Grilon believes that neither Grilbond IL-6 nor Primid XL-552 are produced in the United States which means that suspending the duties will not jeopardize any U.S. jobs. The company also believes that the cost of the duty suspensions will be small. While it is too late for Congress to pass the bill this year, I am filing the measure now to initiate a public notice and comment period. Federal agencies and the public will have an opportunity to examine the duty suspensions and submit comments. In addition, the Congressional Budget Office will complete a cost estimate of the legislation. By the time Congress reconvenes next year, we will know the cost and we will know whether there is any American company which could be injured by the bill's enactment. That information will help us decide whether to move forward with the bill. I am pleased to help an important employer in my district and I look forward to the review this bill will initiate.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 1996

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday September 24, 1996, I was unavoidably absent from the House Chamber during rollcall vote Nos. 425 to 429. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" in all cases.

CONGRATULATING THE REPUBLIC
OF CHINA ON THE OCCASION OF
THEIR 85TH NATIONAL DAY

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 1996

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, October 10 marks the 85th anniversary of the birth of the Republic of China [ROC]. As this historic occasion approaches, I want to take this opportunity to send my personal greetings and congratulations to the people of Taiwan and especially to President Lee Teng Hui.

Mr. Speaker, I have been fortunate enough to visit with President Lee on several occasions in Taiwan, and more recently during his visit to the United States and his alma mater, Cornell University. On every occasion our discussions have been warm and enlightening. The Republic of China has long been a beacon of democracy and economic freedom in this important region of the world. During the